## COUNTY OF YORK MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 3, 2005 (BOS Mtg. 2/15/05)

**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Skimino Hills Sanitary Sewer Project

Two sanitary sewer pump stations are necessary to be constructed to support the Skimino Hills Sanitary Sewer project. The County has advertised the bids for the two stations twice, with only two bidders responding each time. The first time the two stations were bid together as one project. The bids were rejected due to the limited number of bidders and the total cost. Therefore, the County re-advertised the stations a second time as two separate projects in an attempt to attract more station contractors that may have the time and resources to build a single station, but not two simultaneously.

However, once again only the same two contractors submitted bids. In discussions with the engineering community and contractors, the consensus is that there is currently a tremendous volume of utility construction in the Hampton Roads area. The end result is escalating construction costs with fewer contractors available to perform the necessary work. It is the opinion of the Department of Environmental and Development Services that re-advertising the stations a third time would not benefit the County.

Therefore, it is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve proposed Resolution R05-12 which awards the construction of the two sanitary sewer pump stations and appropriates an additional \$1.2 million from Fund 74, Water and Sewer Extension Fund, to fully fund the Skimino Hills Sanitary Sewer Project. The additional \$1.2 million funding was previously projected in the Utilities Strategic Capital Plan, so the additional appropriation will not impact the schedule as submitted to the Board of Supervisors.

M&W Construction Corporation \$1,205,515 Mid Eastern Builders, Inc. \$722,920

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## Attachment

• Proposed Resolution R05-12